

Hi Fans,

The following is a statement from Richard concerning the Sedaka/Las Vegas affair: "When the Carpenters play concerts they invite someone to be their opening act. In the case of our last summer tour and Las Vegas engagements we asked Neil Sedaka to open the show. It often happens in our business, not only with the Carpenters but also with other headliners, that the choice of the opening act proves to be unsuitable for personal or other reasons. Under those circumstances the headliner has no option but to terminate the engagement of the opener. This was the situation in Las Vegas with Neil Sedaka.

Please be assured that we did NOT fire Neil Sedaka for doing too well. In fact, we were delighted that he was receiving a nice response from the audience. It was a result of other circumstances of which he is totally aware that made it necessary for us to terminate his engagements. Since he has full knowledge of all of the background act, it is a disappointment to us that he has found it necessary to make statements concerning the Las Vegas engagement to the press. Personally, the Las Vegas Sedaka issue is an old matter and right now I am much more concerned with Karen's health and writing new songs"

Carpenters send sincere regrets to their very loyal fans in Japan for cancellation of their Japanese tour because of Karen's illness. They also thank you for your sympathetic understanding and your deep concern for her health. She is slowly improving but has been prohibited by her physicians from all physical and professional activities until the end of October. Richard and Karen's boy-friend, Terry Ellis flew to Japan for a press conference and business meeting with the sponsors of the Japanese tour and Richard made a public announcement to the Japanese people. Carpenters will return to Japan early next spring. Many, many thanks from Karen for the cheerful get well cards and from Richard for the lovely birthday cards that they have received. We now have in stock, some brand new Carpenter Keepsake items and also have new prices for some of the old items. The sale on merchandise listed in the last newsletter will end November 7 for U.S. members & November 30 for foreign members. Orders for merchandise must be postmarked by those dates. "BRADLEY'S BEST OF THE BEST" piano book has been discontinued but the new "HORIZON" music books are due in shortly and we are now accepting orders for them. Selling price is \$5.50. FOR COPIES OF THE BRAND NEW KEEPSAKE PRICE LIST, SEND A STAMPED, SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE to the Fan Club. New items and prices are:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>U.S.A. MEMBERS</u>	<u>FOREIGN MEMBERS</u>
POCKET SIZE MEMO PAD WITH COVER .....	.50	.75
PENNANT WITH NEW SILHOUETTE (AUTOGRAPHED).....	\$1.00	\$1.25
FLUORESCENT DECALS, SELF ADHESIVE.....10 FOR..	\$1.00	\$1.25
DESK ORGANIZER FOR MAIL & PENCILS (GREEN OR YELLOW).....	\$1.50	\$2.00
FAN CLUB STATIONERY (100 SHEETS TO PAD).....	\$2.00	\$2.25
POSTER "D" (NEW).....	\$1.75	\$2.25
COASTERS (YELLOW W/BLACK SILHOUETTE).....SET OF 6..	\$2.00	(SETS ONLY) \$2.25
SET OF NEWSLETTERS WITH COVER.....	\$1.75	\$2.50
New Prices for Existing Merchandise		
BOOK COVERS.....	6 FOR \$1.00	\$1.50
SEW ON PATCH.....	2 FOR \$1.00	\$1.25
POSTER "B".....	\$1.50	\$2.25
T-SHIRTS (CHILDREN'S - ALL SIZES) State size & Color.....	\$1.50	\$2.00
T-SHIRTS (ADULT'S - ALL SIZES) State size & Color.....	\$2.50	\$3.00
CHARM BRACELET.....	\$2.00	\$2.50
POSTERS ( 1 "A" & 1 "C" ).....	\$2.00	\$3.00
NEEDLEPOINT KITS (BELTS OR FRAME) (ALSO STATE COLOR).....	\$3.50	\$3.75
BELT BUCKLE - CARPENTER LOGO - BRASS.....	\$4.00	\$4.25
"45" MERRY XMAS DARLING/SANTA COMING TO TOWN.....	\$1.25	\$2.25

Be sure to send Christmas orders early and remember to give size and color when there is a choice. Members wanting answers to questions you write in, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The baseball game scheduled for Japan was rained out. Richard, supported by King Records personnel planned to play against Japanese Radio D.J.s but a downpour there drenched his good intentions. Of the six games played stateside, the Carpenters team won all but one. They lost the first game to the Pine Knob All Stars. They put up a valiant battle against D.J.s, Theater personnel and newsmen but went down in defeat 21 to 18. In Hartford, Conn.

they were the victors when they played the Channel 3 TV Celebrities. The score was 20 to 2. Games 3 and 4 were played in Warwick, Rhode Island. Carpenters won the first game 15 - 13 in 9 innings against WPRO Radio Celebrities Pro Team. Determined to beat the Carpenters, Warwick fortified their team by adding former professional ball players and challenged them to a second game. This was played in 105° heat; and at the end of the first inning, Carpenters had already scored 5 - 0. On Warwick's lastup, with 2 outs, Richard went back into the outfield and made a lucky crazy catch which ended the game. The score: Carpenters 19 Warwick 11. Garden State was also host for 2 games. The first game was played against Garden State Newsmen & Celebrities from WNBC Radio and ABC - TV including some of the stars of "All My Children". That score was 18 - 8 in favor of Carpenters. They accepted the challenge of another team for a second game and won by 1 point 13 - 12. This time they played the theater crew and the local sheriff's deputies. All games were again played for the benefit of the Cancer Society and were acknowledged with letters, certificates or trophies. The summer tour was the most extensive and most exhausting one they've ever done, dating from April 3 to September 3. In Toronto they did 5 shows in 3 days which left no time for shopping or sight seeing. Cubby turned another year older in Cuyahoga Falls so they bought him a birthday cake and then found he was on a diet and couldn't indulge. He didn't eat even a crumb of it. That's will-power! In Pine Knob they managed to spend some time with old buddy Wes Jacobs who was part of the Carpenter trio back in '65 and '66. Wes played bass with them when they won so many trophies in the Hollywood Bowl Battle of the Bands and he still plays tuba with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. After their Erie, Pa. gig, they flew (the same night) to Wallingford and got lost during their drive from the airport to their hotel. John Bettis, the other half of the Carpenter/Bettis song writing team, joined them in Conn. and Richard took him on a Grand Tour of New Haven. Mom and Dad too, flew to Conn. and they all enjoyed visiting relatives and old friends. Mrs. Catello Cuticello, the former Debbie Vaiuso, a New Haven schoolmate and close friend of Karen invited them to dinner where they thoroughly enjoyed a good old fashioned, home cooked Italian meal. Another old friend, Jim Anthony also paid them a visit. Jim was drummer for Carpenters several years ago. Karen enjoyed a shopping spree with New Haven friends, patronizing some of the stores she remembered from her childhood. In Saratoga Springs, a devoted fan presented K & R with a huge, beautiful and very unusual cake. The unique decorations - all made out of icing - were detailed pictures depicting titles of their hit records. The Carpenter logo and new silhouette were in the center of the cake and all pictures looked as though they had been done in oil with a very fine brush. It was indeed a masterpiece and they were reluctant to cut it and ruin the beautiful pictures. Mom Carpenter managed to save the portion with the logo and silhouette and it is now preserved in the Carpenter freezer. In Warwick, the 105° weather climbed to 121° on stage and by the end of the gig, they were all drenched in their own perspiration. They were delighted with Newport which Karen described as a "cute" town, but it took them 2 hours to locate their hotel there. It was located a short distance from where "Jaws" had been filmed. They got lost again on their way to the Warwick gig but managed to arrive on time. August 2 was Bear's birthday as well as the 2nd wedding anniversary of Pete and Lenny Henderson so the gang surprised the 3 of them with a party. Cubby and Richard did the driving here in 2 identical rental cars and one night, Cubby, unknowingly, drove off in Richard's car. Cubby's car key happened to fit Richard's car; but unfortunately, Richard's did not fit Cubby's. So once again, Richard was stranded. This time, he rented one of the hotel's limos and did his own chauffeuring to the Warwick gig. While performing in Columbia, Md. they were houseguests of their aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rudolph and cousins, Mary & Chris. (Mom, Dad, brother and sister of Bear.) In Maryland they always look forward to a crab feast and this time they enjoyed one at Gordon's Seafood restaurant where they later did some impromptu entertaining much to the delight of the manager and other guests. The Astor Tower was home to them during their Chicago engagement at the Ravinia. Karen described the engagement as "weird" because they couldn't see the 10,000 people who comprised the lawn audience. The Captain & Tenille attended one of their performances and K & R returned the compliment by attending one of their shows while in Chicago. They also saw Gino Vanelli at "Mr. Kelly's". After Chicago they were to have a six day breather before opening in Las Vegas, so with the biggest part of the tour behind them they boarded a jet for a happy flight home. We're all trying to get Karen well enough now for their European tour.

Rag again.

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